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Today's Topics:
                    88-108 FM Band Transmissions
                     [News] FCC Gets New Weapon
                        FD Logging Software
                     Welcome to rec.radio.info!

We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text
herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: Sat, 30 Apr 1994 20:07:59 -0500
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NewsWatcher!user@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: 88-108 FM Band Transmissions
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

It is "suggested" by reading the commercials for some kits that low power
transmission in the 88-108 band - including communicating - is legal. Just
what are the regulations? Is it just a matter of non-interference? Hard to
believe! For example could one rebroadcast a distant commercial FM station
on an alternate channel from a hilltop to fill valley coverage in remote
areas? Could a repeater have a low power direct output on 88-108 to
facilitate monitoring? Sounds scary and likely illegal but perhaps someone
knows the chapter and verse on this. If sources could be quoted that would
be helpful.

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From: spsgate!mogate!newsgate!nuntius@uunet.uu.net
Subject: [News] FCC Gets New Weapon
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <2prkp4$lq2@vortex.eng.sc.rolm.com> Mont Pierce,
montp@vortex.eng.sc.rolm.com writes:
>Everyone should be held accountable for their actions including whatever
>they contribute to another person's actions. The problem is that there
>is no way to achieve complete justice in this system of things. We need
>God's government as expressed in the Lord's prayer to accomplish that...

    Your three examples are just a bit extreme don't you think? I drink,
but I don't drive drunk........I shoot, but not at people..........and
the car salesman is so lame it's not worthy of comment. I agree with
Erich in as much as we need to exercise good judgment ourselves.
Personally I don't believe we need one law of the kingdom, just one
rule.... respect the needs and wishes of others. We have a laws on the
books that cover just about everything, but laws don't mean much until
society gets ,fed up. Being a baby boomer, I remember when it was cool
to go out, get hammered and drive home........I can't remember the last
time I have had more than a beer maybe two and driven myself
home.......And as much as anything it is because of peer pressure.
    The point being that such activities are not socially acceptable
within ham radio, and in the long run not tolerated. I don't see the need
to cut the throat of the poor salesman who has an enthusiasm for our
hobby.......

Please don' t take this personally, there are many religions around the
world, and it's a bit clouded as to which really has the keys to the
kingdom. If yours works for you......GREAT.......but respect the fact
that it might not for me...........

Rick Aldom
The opinions expressed are my own......For as long as the current law of
the land will permit it.

Date: 30 Apr 94 13:49:31 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu

Subject: FD Logging Software
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Brad:

 >>   I am looking for Field Day logging software that will work on an XT
 >> machine. I have KB0ZP logging, but I can't get it to work on the XT.
 >> Does anyone have any leads on some simple, shareware FD logging
 >> programs? -Brad Killebrew N5LJV

I believe there are some on the HamNet forum on CompuServe. Also, the ARRL BBS
has several.

-- //Steve//

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Subject: Welcome to rec.radio.info!
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

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Last-modified: $Date: 1994/01/02 22:00 $
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*** Welcome to rec.radio.info! ***

Welcome to rec.radio.info, a group that aims to provide a noise-free source
of information and news for the entire rec.radio hierarchy.

Two introductory articles about rec.radio.info are posted to the group and
to news.answers every two weeks. You are now reading the first article, which
explains what rec.radio.info is, and answers some Frequently Asked Questions.
The second article is titled "Submission Guidelines", and you only need to
read it if you want to submit an article to rec.radio.info.

You can skip to the next section of this article by searching for the next
" -- " string. The sections available are:

- What is the purpose of rec.radio.info?
  - Why are messages almost always cross posted to rec.radio.info?
  - What is a 'follow-up', and what does 'moderated' mean?
  - OK, so now I know what 'moderated' means. Tell me more.
  - What type of material is considered inappropriate?
  - I do not have access to news, how can I get the information posted to
    rec.radio.info?
  - Will the material appearing in rec.radio.info be archived somewhere?
  - I have a regular posting with timely information, is there a way to
    speed up it's delivery, or automate for more convenience?

  -- What is the purpose of rec.radio.info?

The purpose or charter of rec.radio.info is to provide the Usenet community with
a resource for information, news, and facts about any and all things radio.

All the other rec.radio groups are intended for discussions and general chit
chat about radio. Rec.radio.info will contain informational, factual articles
only. Follow-ups are redirected to an appropriate other group, and further
discussion (if any) will not take place in rec.radio.info.

In order to ensure that rec.radio.info contains only appropriate articles, it
was decided to create the group as a moderated newsgroup.

  -- Why are messages almost always cross posted to rec.radio.info?

It provides a "tag" for each article to be assembled into a filtered
presentation in rec.radio.info (even with cross-posting, only one message, with
a unique Message-ID, is propogated across the net). This tag also facilitates
a pre-existing method of dropping or cancelling the articles locally within the
discussion groups if you don't want to see them. This accommodates individuals
who want to separate the bulletins from the discussions, discussions from the
bulletins, as well as those who are adamant about not reading another
newsgroup and wanted to see everything all in one basket.

With the total size of Usenet (in number of newsgroups and total traffic)
doubling every year or so, this is no insignificant contribution to reducing
information noise and chaos. Making the discussion groups a catch-all, and
making extra newsgroups filters on that catch-all, is also the most realistic
way to implement such a scheme (It's not intuitively obvious what the charter,
contents, and general appropriate topics for each and every newsgroup are.
Seeing FAQ's and charter/intro postings in the home newsgroup is beneficial
for new readers).

By cross-posting one only is adding a few tens of bytes to each bulletin (to
specify the extra group on the Newsgroups line), but are adding the capability
for very powerful filtering features available on most news servers,
listservers and readers. Your local news guru could probably explain these

features in more detail.

In rn, for example, according to Leanne Phillips in her rn kill-file FAQ, add
a line of the form:
    /Newsgroups:.*[,]rec\.radio\.info/h:j
either in ~/News/KILL (if you don't want to see rec.radio.info articles
anywhere) or ~/News/rec/radio/amateur/misc/KILL (if you don't want to see them
just in rec.radio.amateur.misc). The latter method means your kill file will
only be consulted during rec.radio.amateur.misc (and hence runs more
efficiently), and will probably work for most people.

In nn, according to Bill Wohler in his nn FAQ, add a line of the form:
    rec.radio.info:!s/:^
in ~/.nn/kill (if you don't want to see rec.radio.info articles anywhere), or
put the following lines:
    sequence
    rec.radio.info
    rec.radio.
at the end of ~/.nn/init in order to see all the rec.radio.info bulletins first,
then read the remaining rec.radio.* without the bulletins.

 -- What is a 'follow-up', and what does 'moderated' mean?

If you are new to Usenet and are not familiar with the terminology, you might
want to read the general introductory articles found in the newsgroup
news.announce.newusers. Doing so will make your life on the net much easier,
and will probably save you from making silly beginner's mistakes.

If you think that at this moment you are reading an echo, a conference, or
a bulletin board, I'd also strongly suggest a trip over to
news.announce.newusers.

For the rest of this article, I will assume you have a basic knowledge of
Usenet terminology and mechanics.

A moderated group means that any article that needs to be posted to the group
has to be accepted by the moderator of the group. Since we need to ensure that
followups to an article (discussion) do not show up in the rec.radio.info
newsgroup, the `Followup-To:' header line contains a newsgroup that is
appropriate for disussions about the specific article.

 -- OK, so now I know what 'moderated' means. Tell me more.

Rec.radio.info is a moderated newsgroup, which means that all articles
submitted to the group will have to be approved by the moderator first.

The current moderator of the group is Mark Salyzyn. Submissions to
rec.radio.info can be posted, or e-mailed to:

rec-radio-info@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca

Comments, criticisms, suggestions or questions about the group can be e-mailed
to:
        rec-radio-request@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca

But before you do so, please be sure to check out the "Submission Guidelines"
article.

The influence of the moderator should be minimal and of an administrative
nature, consisting chiefly of weeding out obviously inappropriate articles,
while making sure correct headers etc. are used for the appropriate ones.

 -- What type of material is considered inappropriate?

There are three broad categories of articles which will be rejected by the
moderator:

1) Requests for information: rec.radio.info is strictly a one-way street. I
   receive information in my mailbox; I then post it to rec.radio.info.
   Requests for specific information belong in the normal discussion newsgroups.
   If your request gets answered, you might consider passing the answer on to
   rec.radio.info, though. Especially if you can edit it into a informational,
   rather than a discussion, format.

2) Obvious discussion articles, or articles that appear unsubstantiated.

3) Commercial stuff: a relatively unbiased test of a radio product would be
   accepted, but any hint of for-profit might be reason for rejection. For three
   reasons: This is not the purpose of the list, for-profit is a controversial
   topic, and this list may be passed onto Amateur Packet Radio (where
   for-profit is prohibited except under certain provisos).

   rec.radio.swap (or possibly comp.newprod) may be more deserving of the
   posting in any matter.

   Similarly, copyrighted material generally cannot be used. If it's TRULY
   worthwhile to the net, I would recommend obtaining permission from the
   copyright holder. Please note the source, and if permission was given. I
   reserve the right to make the final decision concerning appropriateness in
   all situations. In most cases, a brief summary of, or pointer to, the
   copyrighted information may be all I can allow.

 -- I do not have access to news, how can I get the information posted to
    rec.radio.info?

brian@UCSD.EDU (Brian Kantor) has kindly supplied a mail list server for

rec.radio.info. Non of the articles will be digested, due to their size, so
you will receive individual mailings for every article posted to the group.

Mail sent to radio-info@ucsd.edu will be forwarded to the moderator and
thus is an alias to rec-radio-info@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca

To subscribe and unsubscribe via the listserver; the format for that is

        sub address radio-info
        unsub address radio-info

where 'address' is your full mailing address. Send this request to

        listserv@ucsd.edu

Note that the server will automatically delete any address that bounces mail.
If you leave the address portion blank, it will try to deduce your address
from the mail headers. This may not work if you are on bitnet, milnet or
some other non-Unix host, so it is recommended to put your return address
in any case. For example:

        sub mymailbox@myhost.mydomain.mil radio-info
or
        sub MEMEME01@DMBHST.bitnet radio-info

or something like that.

 -- Will the material appearing in rec.radio.info be archived somewhere?

Yes. Still firming up details at the moment but here is a preliminary list:
        - unbc.edu as maintained by Lyndon Nerenberg <lyndon@unbc.edu>
        - nic.funet.fi maintained by Risto Kotalampi <rko@cs.tut.fi>
            saved to /pub/dx/text/rec.radio.info currently stored as
            numbered files.

Effectively this means that anything you post to rec.radio.info will be
permanently stored, so your work will not be lost.

 -- I have a regular posting with timely information, is there a way to
    speed up it's delivery, or automate for more convenience?

Yes, there is! It may take a bit of chatter with the moderator, but we are
willing to take responsible people and provide them the means of posting the
articles directly from their site. We will try everything we can as we fully
realize that DX (distant signal) and astronomical data can be somewhat
transitory. We are also willing to allow regular posters of information the
same courtesy, even if the information is not as time critical.

We refer to this as self-moderation, which is partly based on the model for
news.answer. This requires co-operation and good will to be beneficial to
the community in the rec.radio hierarchy.

I suggest reading the posting guidelines for more information. I am open to
suggestions.

I thank the following individuals for their input into this article:
    rec.music.info moderator Leo Breebaart rec-music-info@cp.tn.tudelft.nl
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Submissions to: rec-radio-info@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca
Administrivia to: rec-radio-request@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca
* Requests for information do *not* belong in rec.radio.info *

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References <042294021743Rnf0.77b9@amcomp.com>,
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Subject : Re: "NOCODE" Tech to "TechPLUS" upgrading

Dave Bushong (dbushong@wang.com) wrote:

: My license also says "PRIMARY". That's under the heading that says
: "Station Privileges", which doesn't make much sense to me. I thought
: I heard that there is no such thing as a station license anymore, but
: only an operator license.

No, indeed! What do you think a Club license is but a station license?

With the demise of Secondary licenses, it's easy to think the Station
license is gone. But the truth is, you still have both a Station
license (the callsign) and an Operator license (Tech, Advanced, etc.).

This is a good thing, since they're both still required by law.

If I come to your house and operate your station with your callsign,
I'm using my Operator license and your Station license. If I do this
without your permission, I'm operating with a valid Operator's license
but I'm in violation of the rules requiring a valid Station license.

If, instead of using your callsign, you give me permission to use *my*
callsign on the very same equipment, the biggest difference is you are
no longer at all responsible for violations of rules (such as spurious
signals), whereas if I use your callsign, we're *both* on the hook,
legally, since I'm the licensed control op, but you're the Station
licensee.

If you post a copy of your Primary license, that's operating authority
for you, but not me - I need my operator's license. If you post a
copy of a Club license showing you as trustee, it's not even operating
authority for you - you still have to have your Operator/Primary
license with you to prove authority to operate. Club licenses are
Station licenses only.

There are other, yet more subtle distinctions. The ARRL recently
proposed that Operator licenses be issued for life, that is, any
"expired" (primary station!) license would be a valid operator's
license - you could operate *someone else's* station, but not your own
unless you applied for a new Station license. (As a side effect, no
one would ever have to be retested, no matter how long their Station
license had been expired.) The FCC could do this by simple
regulation, without needing Congressional action, because the statute,
the Communications Act of 1934 as amended, limits *Station* licenses to
10 years, but not *Operator* licenses.

There are (well, at the moment) no Operator's licenses without
(primary) Station licenses tacked on, but Club stations, as well as
the few remaining RACES and Military Recreation stations, have station
licenses (i.e., callsigns) without any Operator privs specified -
Station licenses only.

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ub!newserve!sarah!psinntp!psinntp!relay1!rsvl_ns!ernie!ernie.rsvl.unisys.com!
ted1@network.ucsd.edu
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <CoKBAp.Lwt@cup.hp.com>, <2p40p5$isa@abyss.West.Sun.COM>,
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Subject : Re: /KT (was /AA? (I'm confused))

In article <gganderson.357.0@augustana.edu> gganderson@augustana.edu (Kevin
Anderson -7325) writes:

>Don't forget that a Tech that becomes Tech+ has the /KT suffix
>they can (should) use when in the HF.

I would suggest that we all forget that immediately.
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References <gganderson.357.0@augustana.edu>, <CouB4J.E3z@world.std.com>,
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Subject : Re: /KT (was /AA? (I'm confused))

sohl,william h (whs70@dancer.cc.bellcore.com) wrote:
: In article <CouB4J.E3z@world.std.com>,
: David R Tucker <drt@world.std.com> wrote:
: >: Don't forget that a Tech that becomes Tech+ has the /KT suffix
: >: they can (should) use when in the HF.
: >
: >Well, the rule specifies that KT is to be used when a Novice upgrades
: >to Technician.

: True, and the tech who upgrades to tech+ does not use the KT suffix
: on HF. Why, because there isn't a new license issued to reflect
: the Texh+ change. The use of the various suffix IDs is to indicate
: the "temporary" operating approval between passing the test elements
: and actual receipt of a new license. Thus, no suffix is needed for
: tech+ from tech because there isn't any new license to wait for.

: Just a small clarification of detail.

All true, but too much detail. The real reason you don't need the
suffix is there's no rule telling you you need to use one.

(Which is what I meant to say the first time. Maybe I should have put

Novice between stars - would've been clearer. Sorry for the
confusion.)

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